GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2169
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2016
Pollution from Thermal Plants
Adityanath Shri Yogi;Kaushik Shri Ramesh Chander

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to close the power generation units run by coal keeping in view of the pollution they create;

(b) if so, the number of units closed during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) the status of pollution reduced by closure of such units and whether any survey was conducted in this regard; and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : No, Madam. However, Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), in December, 2015, has issued directions that Badarpur Thermal Power Plant should operate only one unit out of its five units and Rajghat Thermal Power Plant of Indraprastha Power Generation Company Limited (IPGCL) Delhi shall not operate any of the two units till March, 2016 due to increasing pollution levels in Delhi.

(c) & (d) : No such study/survey has been made by Central Pollution Control Board. To control emissions from Thermal Power Plants, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change has notified revised emission standards for coal based thermal power plants on 07.12.2015. The new standards are more stringent.

****